

Coleman: Safety remains a top priority in disposal of M6

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I want to assure residents of Northwest Louisiana that your safety has been and continues to be the top priority for EPA staff regarding the Camp Minden site. In hearing from citizens and elected officials, we understand a more deliberate discussion of disposal methods is a vital step to take in the cleanup process. On Thursday, we extended the current cleanup deadlines to allow LDEQ and the Louisiana National Guard more time to consider other options and to hear from community members.

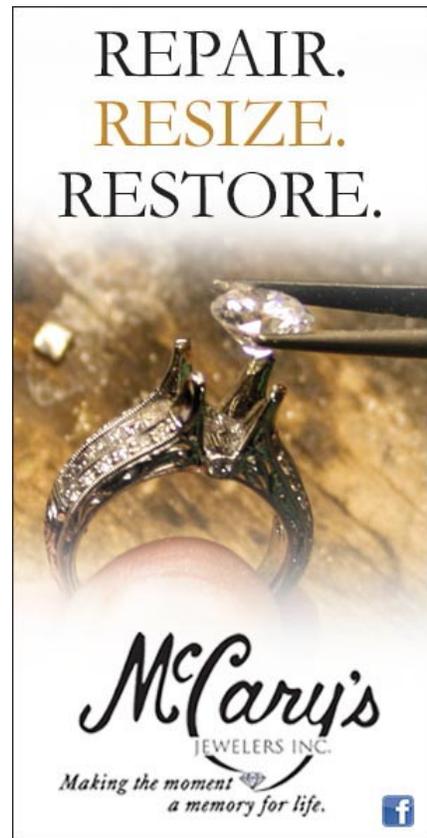
In no way does this extension mean that EPA is abandoning the site or the community. We remain committed to working with our state partners to get rid of the M6 in the safest way possible, and will provide LDEQ and the Louisiana National Guard with any assistance they need while gathering input on other disposal options. During this time, my staff and I will continue to respond to citizens and elected officials, consult with scientific experts, and work with the state of Louisiana at Camp Minden.

I appreciate the community's understanding that this is a very unfortunate and complex situation with no easy solution. As a Louisiana native, I know how strong our communities are. I assure you my staff and I will do everything possible to finish this cleanup and protect your families.

— Samuel Coleman

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